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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims**:

1. (Currently amended) A planer comprising:

a shoe, the shoe defining an aperture;

a body mounted on the shoe, the body including a wall and the wall defining a recess;

a cutting drum rotatably mounted within the recess, the drum having a periphery and a portion of the periphery of the cutting drum projects through the aperture in the shoe;

a cutting blade mounted on the periphery of the drum and adapted for cutting a work piece when the drum is rotating, the cutting action of the blade causing debris created by the cutting to be ejected from the recess;

a conduit defined within the body for directing an airflow, wherein the conduit is directly connected to the recess for entraining and removing debris created by the cutting action of the blade;

a deflector connectable to the conduit for guiding the air flow and entrained debris from within the body to outside of the body, the deflector having an interior and exterior; and

wherein the conduit directs the airflow over the exterior of the deflector, then downward to the vicinity of the recess where debris is entrained by the airflow, and then to the <u>interior of</u> the deflector before it is guided by the deflector to outside of the body.

## 2-13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently amended) A planer comprising:

a shoe, the shoe defining an aperture;

a body mounted on the shoe, the body including a wall and the wall defining a recess;

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a cutting drum rotatably mounted within the recess, the drum having a periphery and a portion of the periphery of the cutting drum projects through the aperture in the shoe;

a cutting blade mounted on the periphery of the drum and adapted for cutting a work piece when the drum is rotating, the cutting action of the blade causing debris created by the cutting to be ejected from the recess;

a conduit defined within the body for directing an airflow;

an expulsion aperture defined by the wall in the body; and

a deflector connectable to the conduit for guiding the air flow and entrained debris from within the body to outside of the body,

wherein the conduit is <u>directly</u> connected to the recess by the expulsion aperture and the conduit directs the airflow to be blown across the expulsion aperture.